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Dear Members of the Bar for the Northern District of California:

We are writing to you to encourage your application to become a Lawyer Representative of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference. Please find attached the application and instruction sheet.

Each year, the District Judges of the Northern District of California select lawyers to serve as Lawyer Representatives to the Northern Circuit Judicial Conference. Our Lawyer Representatives also meet throughout the year with the Judges to discuss matters of concern and to work on projects designed to assist the Court in improving the administration of justice. Lawyer Representatives also organize the annual Northern District Judicial Conference and participate in the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

This year, the District Judges will select six new Lawyer Representatives from a group of finalists recommended by the current Lawyer Representatives. New representatives will serve three-year terms. To qualify for selection as a Lawyer Representative, an applicant must be:

1. A lawyer admitted to practice in the Northern District and actively involved in federal practice;
2. A lawyer interested in the purposes and work of the Northern District Conference;
3. A lawyer willing and able to contribute actively to the purposes and work of the Conference, including planning and attending the Conference and personally attending and participating in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference;
4. A lawyer willing to assist in implementing Northern District Conference programs with the local bar; and
5. A lawyer who, together with the remaining Lawyer Representatives, will constitute a fair cross-section of practitioners before the courts of the Northern District.

We hope that you will apply to have a greater role with, and to make a significant contribution to, the Northern District of California, and to help us improve education between the bench and bar.

Applications must be received by Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. You may send your application in pdf format to Lawyer Representative Co-Chairs Izzy Ramsey and Steven Kalar via electronic mail, at izzy@ramsey-ehrllich.com and Steven_Kalar@fd.org. Please preface your application packet with a single blank page containing, in large font, your last name and first name, with your firm, institution or office of employment listed below.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to receiving your application and working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,



Izzy Ramsey
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Lawyer Representative Co-Chair



Steven Kalar
Senior Litigator
Federal Public Defender, N.D. Cal.
Lawyer Representative Co-Chair

Attachments

INFORMATION REGARDING APPLYING FOR NINTH CIRCUIT LAWYER REPRESENTATIVE

The Northern District of California is seeking federal practitioners interested in bench and bar activities to apply to serve as Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives. Six Lawyer Representatives will be appointed in the Northern District this year, each to serve three-year terms. Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2011.**

Lawyer Representatives help plan the annual Northern District Judicial Conference and attend the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. Serving as a Lawyer Representative provides a unique opportunity to meet and interact on an informal basis with judges and lawyers at the district and circuit levels. It also allows Lawyer Representatives to draw on their experience as federal practitioners to assist in improving the administration of justice.

An Order of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Council spells out five criteria for selection:

- (1) A lawyer admitted to practice in the district court and actively involved in federal practice;
- (2) A lawyer interested in the purposes and work of the annual conference;
- (3) A lawyer willing and able to contribute actively to the purposes and work of the annual conference;
- (4) A lawyer willing to assist in implementing conference programs with the local bar; and
- (5) A lawyer who, together with others selected, will constitute a fair cross-section of practitioners before the federal courts of the district.

An application is attached. Please email these questions, your responses and your resume in .pdf format to Lawyer Representative Co-Chairs Izzy Ramsey (izzy@ramsey-ehrllich.com) and Steven_Kalar (Steven_Kalar@fd.org).

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2011 - 2012 APPLICATION

for

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative

Northern District of California

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 29, 2011

Name:

Office Address, Phone, Fax, and E-mail:

Please attach a current resume that is no longer than two pages. In addition, please provide the following information unless it is included in your resume.

1. List your professional bar association activities, particularly those applicable to the federal courts.
2. Describe any federal court projects in which you have been involved.
3. How long have you been a member of the Bar of the Northern District of California?
4. Describe the size of your firm/office and the nature of your practice as it relates to the federal courts.
5. Have you previously applied to be a Lawyer Representative? When?
6. Have you previously served as a Lawyer Representative? When?
7. Have you previously attended the Northern District Judicial Conference? When?
8. Briefly describe the best or worst continuing legal education program in which you have participated.
9. Is there anything that might prevent you from attending both the Northern District Conference (typically in April) and the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (typically in August)?

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